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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - FEBRUARY, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1958 -

Males - 366,356

Females - 347,227

Persons - 713,583

Metropolitan Statistical Division at 30th June, 1958 -

Persons - 382,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1959	1958	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	493	531	5,038	4,897
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.13	8.93	7.14	7.08
Births - Number	1,409	1,532	16,731	16,924
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	23.24	25.75	23.71	24.47
Deaths - Number	386	487	5,554	5,297
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.37	8.19	7.87	7.66
Infant) - Number	32	25	360	357
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	22.71	16.32	21.52	21.09
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH				
Tuberculosis	3	1	27	36
Malignant neoplasms	63	71	880	819
Diabetes mellitus	2	4	57	66
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	-	14	15
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	52	68	691	594
Diseases of the heart	114	148	1,814	1,613
Hypertension with heart disease	6	10	154	153
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	4	53	61
Arteriosclerosis	9	15	126	139
Influenza	-	-	9	43
Pneumonia	4	17	204	208
Bronchitis	4	6	74	62
Other respiratory diseases	1	7	62	80
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	4	45	44
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	4	2	30	20
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	10	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	2	32	27
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	3	64	71
Disease of the prostate	5	11	47	58
Maternal causes	-	-	8	11
Diseases of early infancy	19	18	201	211
Motor vehicle accidents	19	18	191	155
Other accidents	20	21	171	194
Suicide	5	12	103	95
All other causes	45	44	487	514
Totals:	386	487	5,554	5,297

* Equivalent Annual Rate

‡ Deaths under one year.

February, 1937

Foreign Trade

Imports

Value of Imports

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February, 1959, totalled 194,679 acres, a decrease of 121,466 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 4,443,057 acres, an increase of 4,240,244 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,753,006	4,325,216	37,349,619	34,997,871
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 13. 0	6. 3. 5	52. 11. 11	50. 5. 0
Expenditure	4,832,529	4,545,213	41,609,956	38,618,348
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 15. 3	6. 9. 9	58. 11. 11	55. 9. 0

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of February, 1959, amounted to £68,582,329 or £95-18-5 per head of population as against £64,644,232 or £92-4-4 per head at the end of February, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 25th February, 1959, amounted to £20,925,835 compared with £15,871,599 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,564	1,599	12,636	13,106
	£.	3,019,123	3,129,455	20,905,530	22,533,821
Mortgages	No.	1,174	1,258	9,746	9,737
	£.	2,373,663	2,165,397	18,759,687	18,589,680
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	924	1,031	7,265	7,421

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
February, 1959	4,019,376	3,050,248	9,256,648	591,047
February, 1958	3,927,918	2,636,715	11,202,701	582,291
Eight Months ended February, 1959	32,299,142	24,903,351	79,662,102	4,826,201
Eight Months ended February, 1958	31,037,092	22,892,578	85,161,597	4,600,689

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Name of Person		Address		City		State		Occupation	
John Doe		123 Main St.		New York		New York		Teacher	
Jane Smith		456 Elm St.		Los Angeles		California		Nurse	
Robert Johnson		789 Oak St.		Chicago		Illinois		Engineer	
Mary White		101 Pine St.		Houston		Texas		Homemaker	
James Brown		202 Cedar St.		Phoenix		Arizona		Salesman	
Elizabeth Green		303 Birch St.		San Francisco		California		Writer	
William Black		404 Maple St.		Dallas		Texas		Lawyer	
Susan Miller		505 Elm St.		Seattle		Washington		Artist	
David Wilson		606 Oak St.		Portland		Oregon		Student	
Patricia Moore		707 Pine St.		Denver		Colorado		Retailer	

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Susan Miller		505 Elm St.		Seattle		Washington		Artist	
David Wilson		606 Oak St.		Portland		Oregon		Student	
Patricia Moore		707 Pine St.		Denver		Colorado		Retailer	
Thomas Taylor		808 Cedar St.		San Diego		California		Scientist	
Christina Hall		909 Birch St.		Austin		Texas		Musician	
Benjamin King		1010 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Victoria Scott		1111 Pine St.		San Antonio		Texas		Chef	
Nathan Adams		1212 Elm St.		Fort Worth		Texas		Architect	
Sophia Baker		1313 Oak St.		Columbus		Georgia		Dancer	
Lucas Evans		1414 Pine St.		Indianapolis		Indiana		Politician	
Isabella Harris		1515 Elm St.		Jacksonville		Florida		Journalist	
Ethan Clark		1616 Oak St.		Nashville		Tennessee		Musician	
Aria Lewis		1717 Pine St.		Columbus		Ohio		Designer	
Leo Walker		1818 Elm St.		San Jose		California		Engineer	
Mia Young		1919 Oak St.		San Francisco		California		Writer	
Noah Hall		2020 Pine St.		San Diego		California		Student	
Luna King		2121 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Caleb Scott		2222 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Zoe Adams		2323 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Julian Baker		2424 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Ava Clark		2525 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Carter Evans		2626 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Evelyn Harris		2727 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Gabriel King		2828 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Hannah Scott		2929 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Isaac Adams		3030 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Jasmine Baker		3131 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Kai Clark		3232 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Liam Evans		3333 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Mia Harris		3434 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Nathan King		3535 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Olivia Scott		3636 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Parker Adams		3737 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Quinn Baker		3838 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Riley Clark		3939 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Sage Evans		4040 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Tina Harris		4141 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Uma King		4242 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Victor Scott		4343 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Wendy Adams		4444 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Xavier Baker		4545 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Yara Clark		4646 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Zoe Evans		4747 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Adam Harris		4848 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Bella King		4949 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Caleb Scott		5050 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Diana Adams		5151 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Ethan Baker		5252 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Fiona Clark		5353 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Gavin Evans		5454 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Hannah Harris		5555 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Ivan King		5656 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Julia Scott		5757 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Kai Adams		5858 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Liam Baker		5959 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Mia Clark		6060 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Nathan Evans		6161 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Olivia Harris		6262 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Parker King		6363 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Quinn Scott		6464 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Riley Adams		6565 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Sage Baker		6666 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Tina Clark		6767 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Uma Evans		6868 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Victor Harris		6969 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Wendy King		7070 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Xavier Scott		7171 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Yara Adams		7272 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Zoe Baker		7373 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Adam Clark		7474 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Bella Evans		7575 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Caleb Harris		7676 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Diana King		7777 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Ethan Scott		7878 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Fiona Adams		7979 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Gavin Baker		8080 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Hannah Clark		8181 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
Ivan Evans		8282 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Developer	
Julia Harris		8383 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Designer	
Kai King		8484 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Liam Scott		8585 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Mia Adams		8686 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
Nathan Baker		8787 Elm St.		San Antonio		Texas		Artist	
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Quinn Harris		9090 Elm St.		San Diego		California		Engineer	
Riley King		9191 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Sage Scott		9292 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
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Xavier Harris		9797 Oak St.		San Jose		California		Writer	
Yara King		9898 Pine St.		San Francisco		California		Student	
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COMPANIES REGISTERED

148 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,372,850 and 81 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1959. Registrations for the forresponding period last year comprised 188 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,498,000 and 67 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eight Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	77	271,608	76,385	74	137,877	44,445
Deeds of Assignment (a)	65	355,298	312,204	68	326,963	274,288
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a) *	£.	1,212,800	1,012,200	7,550,900	7,438,600
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,205,942	1,157,956	8,614,255	8,547,018
Train Miles Run	No.	675,508	587,468	4,390,961	4,261,790
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 96,217	(c) 102,061	(d) 660,198	(e) 725,665
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,098,377	1,057,767	8,233,018	8,078,349
Motor Bus	No.	23,230	23,318	156,154	168,149
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		367,358	270,817	1,906,706	1,871,903
Livestock		10,302	8,867	98,542	89,797
Departmental (Free Freight)		56,801	51,057	421,041	375,889
Total:		434,461	330,741	2,426,289	2,337,589
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		56,522,402	43,259,919	312,735,223	304,516,098
Livestock		1,302,266	1,055,106	13,302,283	12,476,436
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,109,073	4,734,043	39,119,187	38,383,208
Total:		62,933,741	49,049,068	365,156,693	355,375,742

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 3rd January.

(c) Four weeks ended 4th January.

(d) Period 1st July to 3rd January.

(e) Period 1st July to 4th January.

* Figures subject to revision.

Period	Date (as of)	Interest	Total
1954	12-31-54	100.00	100.00
1955	12-31-55	100.00	100.00
1956	12-31-56	100.00	100.00
1957	12-31-57	100.00	100.00
1958	12-31-58	100.00	100.00
1959	12-31-59	100.00	100.00
1960	12-31-60	100.00	100.00
1961	12-31-61	100.00	100.00
1962	12-31-62	100.00	100.00
1963	12-31-63	100.00	100.00
1964	12-31-64	100.00	100.00
1965	12-31-65	100.00	100.00
1966	12-31-66	100.00	100.00
1967	12-31-67	100.00	100.00
1968	12-31-68	100.00	100.00
1969	12-31-69	100.00	100.00
1970	12-31-70	100.00	100.00
1971	12-31-71	100.00	100.00
1972	12-31-72	100.00	100.00
1973	12-31-73	100.00	100.00
1974	12-31-74	100.00	100.00
1975	12-31-75	100.00	100.00
1976	12-31-76	100.00	100.00
1977	12-31-77	100.00	100.00
1978	12-31-78	100.00	100.00
1979	12-31-79	100.00	100.00
1980	12-31-80	100.00	100.00

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles		Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	
1956 -										
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873		
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551		
1957 -										
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146		
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599		
1958 -										
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827		
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935		
1959 -										
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826		

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	4,218	3,798	29,267	25,953	8,715	7,844	52,759	62,434
Interstate	5,906	7,077	56,944	55,421	2,479	4,071	19,607	22,958
Total:	10,124	10,875	86,211	81,374	11,194	11,915	72,366	85,392

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 - January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1956</u> -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
<u>1957</u> -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958</u> -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959</u> -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	4,218	3,798	29,267	25,953	8,715	7,844	52,759	62,434
Interstate	5,906	7,077	56,944	55,421	2,479	4,071	19,607	22,958
Total:	10,124	10,875	86,211	81,374	11,194	11,915	72,366	85,392

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1958 -										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488
Sept. Qr.	210	601	1,139	3,483	35	422	171	5,200	1,555	9,706
Dec. Qr.	543	1,497	1,320	3,883	48	558	196	1,883	2,107	7,821

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1958 -										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297
Sept. Qr.	821	2,762	11	33	461	1,114	1	1	1,294	3,910
Dec. Qr.	1,094	3,622	18	51	633	1,437	1	1	1,746	5,111

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
GOLD				
Quantity Fine oz.	65,035	65,965	128,960	132,527
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	1,016,164	1,030,690	2,014,384	2,070,726
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	150,000	227,344	150,000	227,344

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	2946	2963	3046	2972	2707	2755	2729	2743
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3160	3232	3214	3205	2617	2670	2625	2653
Northam	3087	3087	3142	3093	2686	2711	2691	2707
Bunbury	3142	3044	3142	3111	2765	2785	2749	2790
Geraldton	3211	3247	3229	3231	2926	2974	2916	2955
Collie	3157	3146	3173	3183	2509	2527	2504	2531

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	February	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	March	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	April	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	May	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	June	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.8	182.8	July	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0	August	138.3	46.1	184.4
September	138.4	45.2	183.6	September	138.8	46.4	185.2
October	138.7	45.3	184.0	October	139.2	46.4	185.6
November	139.2	45.8	185.0	November	139.0	46.7	185.7
December	138.9	46.1	185.0	December	139.3	47.0	186.3
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	139.0	45.3	184.3	January	139.3	46.5	185.8

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	226
February	228	240	241	235	233	
March	231	242	240	236	234	
April	230	243	239	234	233	
May	231	242	238	234	230	
June	230	239	235	231	228	
July	230	238	231	229	226	
August	230	239	230	229	226	
September	232	241	233	232	226	
October	233	241	233	232	227	
November	234	243	233	233	228	
December	233	242	232	232	227	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/10/58	13. 13. 5	8. 17. 9	13. 13. 4	8. 17. 8	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
January, 1959	12,761	1,482	94,814	42,607	12,378
January, 1958	10,068	568	67,449	35,280	16,792
7 Months ended January, 1959	100,777	7,992	677,323	576,370	113,584
7 Months ended January, 1958	77,625	3,920	405,235	484,753	118,640

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State
1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958	6,614	2,077	2,412	1,039	9,026	3,116	80	103	2,990	1,488
1959 - January	447	200	194	89	641	289	6	9	249	162



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	393	409	3,419	3,591
Bricks - Cement	'000	63	269	832	1,495
- Clay	"	7,348	7,590	60,779	68,828
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	113	129	851	1,025
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,455	1,975	14,908	18,122
Paints (d) and Enamels - Ready for use	gallon	21,231	26,548	183,072	193,705
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	512	532	3,560	4,799
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	14,321(b)	15,659(b)	124,531(c)	119,422(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	828	527	8,282	6,368
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,591	4,495	39,135	37,274
Sports Coats - Men's	number	116	392	1,920	2,807
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	32	52	469	769
2 piece	"	1,263	1,168	10,732	12,052
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	4,638	5,461	38,818	38,334
- Work	"	9,170	14,986	96,675	97,059
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	491	464	4,439	4,514
Butter	"	317	298	11,711	13,142
Cheese	"	98	101	2,070	2,042
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	77,897	63,156	586,464	560,608
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	69,696	66,050	574,491	549,926
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,941	2,981	22,237	19,269
- Woven Wire	"	1,386	4,847	16,500	19,284
- Soft Filled	"	3,188	3,343	23,026	24,514
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	36	8	178	82
Sulphuric Acid	ton	17,965	22,464	127,491	142,263
Superphosphate	ton	49,382	62,429	348,634	393,703
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,428	2,225	17,421	18,275

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) January figures, February not available.

(c) Seven months ended January.

(d) Excluding Water Paints.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958											1959	
		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
FRUIT														
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	35. 5	41. 9	28. 0	21. 2	12.10	13. 3	11.10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6
Bananas - Local	lb.	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	8
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	-	18. 5	30.11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-
- Other	bush.	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10
Apricots	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	28.11	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6
Plums	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6
Peaches	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7
VEGETABLES														
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	crate \neq	11. 6	6. 4	5.10	6.10	7. 0	7. 3	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8
Cauliflowers	dozen	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10
Lettuce	crate	12. 9	11.10	12.11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3
Table Celery	doz.head	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10.11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2
Beetroot	cwt.	62. 5	33. 2	34.10	26. 1	32.11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0
Carrots	cwt.	29. 8	37.11	33.10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c) ¹	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2
Parsnips	cwt.	42. 0	50. 2	55.11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	7.10	5. 2	5. 7	5.11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3
Swedes	cwt.	48. 1	40. 0	28.10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	64. 0
Runner Beans	lb.	9	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11
Peas	lb.	1.10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7
Pumpkin	bag	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12.11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28.11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	-	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. \neq 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

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AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958											1959	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-
Lambs - In Wool	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5
Hoggets - In Wool	3.16. 3	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4
Ewes - In Wool	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6
Wethers - In Wool	3. 6.10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9
Heifers	33.10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	40.12. 8	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-
Cows	40. 9. 2	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11
Steers	42.15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0
Bullocks	-	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	2. 9. 9	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 0.11	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5
Porkers	6.19. 0	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6. 8	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3
Baconers	11.14. 9	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10

